Dewan.—There are about 20,000 non-municipal villages, or otherwise called revenue villages, and it is not possible to set apart any particular sum for any particular district, taluk or village. A sum of Rs. 25,000 has been allotted in the Budget for the next year, and under the present financial conditions, it is not possible to provide anything more than this. As funds become available, we shall try to provide more money under this head.

SUBJECT No. 4.

(*a*) Empowering Amildars to grant permission to build houses on occupied lands.

(*b*) Empowering Amildars to permit the construction of houses on assessed occupied lands in *malnad* tracts.

(*a*) Messrs. Narayana Reddi, Bagepalli Taluk, Seenappa and Rudrappa, Hoskote Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. B. Nagappachar, Belur Taluk.

Mr. Narayana Reddi.—(*a*) Under the present practice, a person desiring to build a house on his *khatè* land has to apply to the Deputy Commissioner, depositing a sum equal to twenty-five times the assessment of the land and await his orders. The delay in the disposal of such applications has been causing inconvenience to poor people, as the money remains in deposit in the treasury for an unlimited period, and the orders of the Deputy Commissioner are not received in the Taluk Office for months and perhaps years. Even when orders are received after some delay they will be unfavourable. Thus a lot of inconvenience is caused to the poor and houseless in these out-of-the-way places. The Amildars may therefore be empowered to grant permission in such cases.

Another Member.—If it is not possible to delegate this power to the Amildar, at least a time-limit may be fixed for the disposal of such applications, so that the applicants may build houses, if orders are not received within such time.

Revenue Commissioner.—It is not clear whether what is wanted is permission to convert *hiduvali* lands into building sites or merely to build houses on agricultural lands in holding. Government will have no objection to the raiyats building houses on their fields for their own use and no permission is needed in such cases. If it is to convert the fields into building sites with the object of selling them as such, it is objectionable and the permission of the Deputy Commissioner is necessary.

Another Member.—It is not only to build houses on our fields, but also to sell the lands as building sites in cases where our neighbours are in need of sites to build houses, when they have lost their existing abodes through accidental fires. If our request is not granted, the poor people of our parts will be put to much inconvenience and trouble.

(*b*) *Mr. Nagappachar.*—It is necessary to empower the Amildars to grant such permission, at least in the *malnad*.

Dewan.—Amildars cannot be empowered to grant permission in such cases. Delay in the disposal of applications by Deputy Commissioner will be avoided.

SUBJECT No. 5.

Jamabandi Rules.

Messrs. H. Krishna Sastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk, and H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—The officers that come on *jamabandi* work should stay longer in the interior and attend to this work. At present they halt for very short periods and this is not satisfactory *Jamabandi* programme should be fixed with reference to the needs of the localities and the work got through within the appointed time. It should be finished before the end of January as the collection season begins in February. The more expeditious the disposal of the *darkhasts* the better it will be for the raiyats as well as Government. *Darkhasts* for about four lakhs of acres of land are pending disposal for a long time. The *jamabandi* officers should see to the speedy disposal of *darkhasts*. Landless classes should be encouraged to take to cultivation.

Revenue Commissioner—We have already been doing all this. The Special Finance Committee is examining the situation and the revenue collection will be attended to with due diligence.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—I am not referring to the collection of revenue but to the want of proper supervision.

Revenue Commissioner.—If you point out to me instances where supervision is wanting, needful action will be taken.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—I propose that the Deputy Commissioners should do *jamabandi* work and not leave it to the Sub-Division Officers. The *jamabandi* as at present conducted does not serve any useful purpose.

Mr. Timmappaiya.—Everything is being done properly, and there is nothing wrong.

Dewan:—The subject will be examined once more.

SUBJECT NO. 6.

Irregularities in the allotment of lands given in exchange for those submerged in the Krishnarajasagara.

Messrs. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk; Channappa, Yedatore Taluk, and Appajigowda, Mysore District Board.

Mr. Lingegowda.—Necessary investigation should be made about the alleged irregularities in the allotment of lands in exchange for those submerged in the Krishnarajasagara. I request also that Government should give proper attention to this matter.

First Member of Council.—Government have been investigating such cases.

Dewan.—Enquiries will be made.

SUBJECT NO. 7.

Regular payment of *aya* to *Totis* and *Talaris*.

Mr. Gopalappa, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The *aya* for *Totis* and *Talaris* is not regularly paid to them by the raiyats. The result is not only that they are put to much hardship, but it is also very difficult to find men who are willing to come forward to take up *toti* and *talari* duties, and Government work as a consequence suffers considerably. To remedy this, a register should be maintained in each village showing the names of raiyats and the quantity of the *aya* payable by each of them. The Sheikdar when he visits the village, should check the register and see that the *aya* due to the village servants is paid to them in time by all the raiyats whose names are entered in it.

(Discussed with the Budget.)

SUBJECT NO. 8.

Grant of suitable lands from the Amrit Mahal Kavals for cultivation.

Mr. Shankarappa, Holalkere Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Some of the lands surrendered by the Amrut Mahal Department are unfit for cultivation. It is submitted that in lieu of such lands, other suitable lands may be given from the Amrut Mahal Kavals.

(Discussed with the Budget.)

SUBJECT NO. 9.

Modifications of the rules relating to large landed estates.

Mr. L. Vema Reddi, Malur Municipality.

Mr. L. Vema Reddi.—A minimum of 50 acres is fixed and alienation is prohibited. Large acreage is to be taken and only a portion of it is good. According to the present rules, we are required to pay tax on the area covered by dwelling houses and also on the pasture lands used for the grazing of cattle.

Revenue Commissioner.—In the case of land covered by dwelling houses, Government will consider the request. As regards the pasture lands, it is not possible to comply with the request. Government have passed orders that no change in the existing rules is necessary. No further concession can be granted. An exception may be made in the case of very inferior lands.

Mr. Vema Reddi.—If this much is notified, people will come forward.